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 DEVICES WITH A POLYGONAL-SECTION ETCH
 WINDOW, IN PARTICULAR HAVING A SECTION OF
 AT LEAST SIX SIDES

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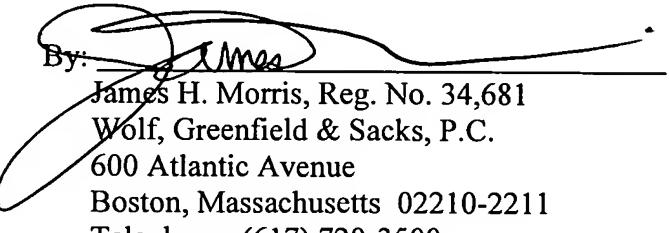
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